

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 27-30, 45-48, 64-66, 94 and 95.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub C4

PX

B2

B3

31. (Twice Amended) The [A] method of Claim 3, wherein at least one [processing a] service request comprises a document request for a document [received from a client through a network in] which [the document] has been purchased by a user, [said method] further comprising the steps of:
[appending an authorization identifier to the request; and
returning the requested document if the authorization identifier indicates that the user is authorized to access the document.]

33. (Twice Amended) The [A] method of Claim 3, wherein at least one [processing a] service request comprises a request for a document [from a client to a server system through a network], wherein the session identifier is designated by the server system, said method further comprising the steps of:
[appending a session identifier designated by the server system to the request;]
returning the requested document to the client; and
charging the user identified in the session identifier for access to the document.

67. (Amended) The [A] method of Claim 3, wherein the session identifier is designated by the server system, further [processing a service request from a client to a server system through a network, said method] comprising the steps of:
[forwarding a service request from the client to the server system, wherein communications between the client and server system are according to hypertext transfer protocol, and wherein the service request includes a session identifier designated by the server system;]
validating, at the server system, the appended session identifier; and
returning a controlled document if the appended session identifier is valid.

Please add the following new claims:

96. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
servicing a request; and
automatically charging a user identified by the session identifier for the service provided.

97. The method of Claim 3, wherein at least one service request comprises a purchase request, the purchase request including an associated user identifier, the method further comprising:
accessing, upon receipt of the purchase request at the server system, user information associated with the user identifier sufficient to charge to an account associated with the user, the purchase price of the product identified by the purchase request;
charging the user for the product identified by the purchase request according to the user information; and
fulfilling the purchase request based on the user information.

98. The method of Claim 97, wherein the client includes the user identifier in a session identifier appended to the purchase request.

99. The method of Claim 97, wherein the client includes the user identifier in a cookie associated with the purchase request.

100. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
under control of a client system,
displaying information identifying a product; and

in response to a user selection of a hyperlink associated with a product desired to be purchased, sending a request to purchase the item along with an identifier of a purchaser of the item to a server system; and under control of the server system,

upon receiving the request, retrieving additional information previously stored for the purchaser identified by the identifier in the received request;

charging the user the purchase price of the product; and fulfilling the request for the product.

101. The method of Claim 3, wherein the session identifier is appended by the client.

BY
102. The method of Claim 101, wherein the session identifier is cryptographically generated.

103. The method of Claim 31, further comprising:
identifying the user from the authorization identifier; and automatically charging the identified user for the document.

104. The method of Claim 31, wherein the document is returned electronically.

105. The method of Claim 31, wherein a physical copy of the document is sent.

106. The method of Claim 31, wherein the authorization identifier is appended to a uniform resource locator.

107. The method of Claim 31, wherein the authorization identifier is appended to a cookie.